Reporting duplicate publications and profiles

I’ve found a duplicate publication

ResearchGate automatically merges publications where all information is identical, including title, date of publication, author list, and journal. Please note that if you have added both of the publications yourself or if the publication information is not identical in every way, they will not be merged automatically. Additionally, if one of the publications has a DOI, or both publications have different DOIs, we also don’t merge them automatically.

Here’s how to report a duplicate publication:

1. Go to your Contributions tab
2. Scroll down to the research item that is a duplicate
3. Click on the downward-facing blue arrow at the bottom of the item next to the Add resources link
4. Select Report Issue from the options in the drop-down
5. Select This is a duplicate of another item in my profile and click Submit
6. In the box that appears, select which item you would like to be merged or search for it if you don’t see it in the list (you can pick more than one item if necessary)
7. Click Submit.

Please note: It can take up to 72 hours for the publications to be merged.

If you have duplicates and prefer to delete one of them, simply do so by following our instructions on Editing and deleting research.

I have two profiles – why did this happen and how can I fix it?

Duplicate profiles are sometimes created because of the various ways you can sign up to ResearchGate. The best way to fix this is to delete whichever profile is less complete, as long as you keep the profile you still have access to.

To delete your secondary profile:

1. Log in with the email address you used to create your secondary profile
2. Go to your Account Settings page
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
4. Click the red Delete my account button.

If you no longer have access to the secondary profile, please contact us and provide us with the ResearchGate URLs or email addresses for the duplicate profiles. Also, please specify which link should be kept and which link should be merged.

Please note: We can only transfer publications to your new account. Profile views, followers, followings, projects and questions will not be transferred.

I’ve discovered a profile page that lists my scientific contributions. What can I do?

When browsing ResearchGate you might come across a page that lists your scientific contributions or those of a colleague or co-author. This is most likely an unclaimed scientific contributions page. These pages typically have a URL in this form: https://www.researchgate.net/researcher/number_firstname_lastname

Unclaimed scientific contribution pages contain bibliographic data of published and publicly available information. One reason they exist is to make confirming authorship and adding publications to your profile easier.

To confirm your unclaimed scientific contributions page (and all the publications that come along with it), click Are you Firstname Lastname? on the top right-hand side of the page. The unclaimed scientific contributions page will then be merged with your ResearchGate profile.

If you know the researcher who should claim scientific contributions page, simply click Invite. If they are not on ResearchGate, you will be prompted to enter their email address, which will send an email to them suggesting that the confirm authorship of the unclaimed scientific contribution page.